GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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HANDMADE PAPER MANUFACTURING UNIT
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the oldest handmade paper manufacturing unit in the country started in 1940;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide urgent financial assistance to save the said Institute; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The Handmade Paper Institute, Pune, established in 1940, is a departmental centre of the Maharashtra Khadi and Village Industries Board, a statutory body of the Maharashtra Government and thus this institute is under the administrative control of Govt. of Maharashtra.

As ascertained from Govt. of Maharashtra, the Handmade Paper Institute, Pune, has taken up the development of handmade paper in Maharashtra with a view to encouraging the development of handmade paper and to preserve this traditional village industry in Maharashtra. The Institute carries out the work of development of handmade paper industry through its 3 divisions, i.e., Production Division, Research & Development Division, and Training Division. The Production Division looks after the production of high quality Handmade Paper, Research Division undertakes research to produce Handmade Paper from various types of eco-friendly raw materials, Training Division imparts training of scientific ways in production of handmade paper.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.